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The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) emphasize the importance of public and agency engagement early in the environmental review process. Sound Transit is committed to early agency and public engagement, and it has been working with local public transportation agencies, local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies and the public to create an open public and agency involvement process with ample opportunities to inform and involve others in the project.

B.1 Outreach Goals and Objectives

Citizens and groups have numerous opportunities to interact with, and receive a response from, Sound Transit on issues of interest or concern in the development and evaluation of the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE). Sound Transit has established the following goals and objectives to guide the FWLE process:

Goal 1: Promote an understanding of the purpose and need for the project and the process leading to final decisions.

- Objective A: The public outreach process will adequately inform and engage all likely stakeholders, including low-income, minority, and limited-English-proficiency (LEP) stakeholders.
- Objective B: Project milestones and decision points will drive the timing, format, and content of public involvement activities.
- Objective C: Sound Transit Community Outreach staff and consultants will coordinate closely with the engineering and environmental staff and consultants to ensure that they are hearing, considering, and addressing input from the community in project planning, design, and environmental review. Close coordination will also ensure that Sound Transit Community Outreach staff and consultants have relevant, timely, and accurate information to share with the public.
- Objective D: Sound Transit and FTA decision-makers will receive regular and frequent updates about what the FWLE project team is hearing from the public and how that input is being considered and incorporated into the decision-making process.

Goal 2: The public, Sound Transit, FTA, corridor jurisdictions, and other stakeholders will be satisfied that the Draft EIS process was clear, accessible, fair, and met the requirements of NEPA and SEPA.

- Objective A: Public outreach strategies and tactics will be convenient and accessible to a broad and diverse range of stakeholders and community members, including low-income, minority, and LEP populations.

- Objective B: Involve new and existing stakeholders by providing a range of public input opportunities early and often.
- Objective C: The FWLE project team will publicize all FWLE public outreach activities through multiple and diverse communication vehicles.
- Objective D: All public materials and talking points will clearly explain the EIS process and when, where, and how stakeholders can provide their input.

Goal 3: Sound Transit will build informed consent for the project amongst community members, corridor jurisdictions, and other stakeholders.

- Objective A: All public materials and talking points will clearly communicate the purpose of and need for this project.
- Objective B: The FWLE project team will use data and evidence to demonstrate that the FWLE is an important investment for the corridor and the region.
- Objective C: The FWLE project team will ensure that clear, honest, timely, and thorough information about the FWLE and environmental review process is available to the public, corridor jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the media.
- Objective D: The public will receive frequent updates on what the FWLE project team is hearing from them and how public input will be considered and addressed in the decision-making process.
- Objective E: The FWLE project team will research and respond to public inquiries, ideas, and concerns in a timely manner.
- Objective F: The public will have an opportunity to provide input on major decisions before they are finalized.
- Objective G: The FWLE project team will ensure that all project documents are clearly written and understandable to a non-technical audience.

Goal 4: The FWLE project team will manage risk and ensure smooth, cost-effective project delivery.

- Objective A: The FWLE project team will identify and acknowledge public involvement risks early in the project and take a proactive approach to addressing, avoiding, or mitigating for those risks.
- Objective B: Sound Transit staff and consultants – including Community Outreach, Government and Community Relations, engineering, and environmental staff and consultants will work together to ensure that public involvement, government, and Tribal engagement is coordinated.
- Objective C: The FWLE project team will keep Sound Transit Government and Community Relations and Media Relations staff informed of on-going public involvement activities; what the FWLE project team is hearing from the public; and how public input is being considered and addressed in project decision-making. Sound Transit Government and Community Relations staff will update corridor jurisdictions and elected officials about this information on a regular and frequent basis.

- Objective D: When there are conflicts between what the public or corridor jurisdictions want and technical or financial constraints, all project materials and talking point will clearly communicate the criteria that the FWLE project team used to make recommendations to decision-makers.
- Objective E: The FWLE project team will document all contacts with the public, including follow-up activities and responses.

B.2 Agency Coordination

Consistent with the Agency Coordination Plan, Sound Transit has coordinated periodic interagency meetings and other activities to collect input from interested agencies. These meetings and activities informed the development of project alternatives and technical analysis methodologies. Agency involvement was also encouraged during the NEPA/SEPA scoping process. Three categories of interagency participation were established to facilitate agency cooperation and input for the FWLE: co-lead, cooperating, and participating agencies. At the beginning of the environmental review process prior to scoping, Sound Transit invited agencies to participate, where appropriate, in these categories, as described in the following subsections. Correspondence about the FWLE with these agencies is located in the following appendices, as indicated below:

- The *Historical and Archaeological Technical Report* (Appendix G4, bound separately from the Draft EIS) contains correspondence between the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation on the presence and eligibility of cultural resources for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Appendix E, Section 4(f) Analysis, contains correspondence between FTA and the Federal Way School District regarding potential impacts to a Section 4(f) resource owned by the school district.

B.2.1 Lead Agencies

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the federal lead agency for NEPA purposes. Sound Transit is the lead agency for SEPA purposes. These two co-lead agencies are responsible for coordinating with the cooperating and participating agencies as early as practicable in the environmental review process.

B.2.2 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating agencies are any other federal, state, and local public agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise with respect to any environmental issues that should be addressed through the NEPA process. Cooperating agencies are responsible for developing information, preparing environmental analyses, and making staff available to support interagency and interdisciplinary coordination. Cooperating agencies for FWLE include the following:

- Federal Highway Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
- King County Metro
- City of SeaTac
- City of Des Moines

- City of Kent
- City of Federal Way

B.2.3 Participating Agencies

Participating agencies are the federal and nonfederal agencies that may have an interest in the project. Such agencies are invited to participate in the environmental review process and agencies may choose not to participate. The following agencies are participating:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHHP)
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology)
- Highline College
- King County
- Seattle Public Utilities
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

Sound Transit staff worked with FTA to determine which tribes might have interests in the project vicinity and should be included as potentially affected agencies. The project vicinity does not include any tribal lands, but tribes have interests in natural and cultural resources. Because of the government-to-government consultation responsibilities associated with federally recognized tribes, FTA initiated consultation with tribes and invited them to become participating agencies. The following tribes have been contacted via letter, telephone conversations, and, as needed, in-person meetings:

- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- Suquamish Tribe
- Duwamish Tribe (not federally recognized)
- Snohomish Tribe (not federally recognized)

FTA and Sound Transit will continue to consult with the tribes regarding potential natural and cultural resource impacts throughout project development.

B.2.4 Resources by Agency

Federal, state, and local agencies have provided data collection, resource identification, determination of regulatory compliance requirements, and/or development of analysis methodologies. Table B-1 lists what resource information Sound Transit gathered by agency. Agencies also provided additional

information and evaluation throughout the analysis process, which will continue through the completion of the Final EIS.

TABLE B-1

List of Resources Provided by Agency

Agency	Resources Provided or Consulted On
Federal	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Wetlands, Waters of the U.S.
Federal Highway Administration	Traffic; highway improvement plans
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Hazardous materials
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Threatened and endangered species
National Marine Fisheries Service	Threatened and endangered species
Washington State	
Department of Transportation	Traffic; highway improvement plans; utilities
Department of Fish and Wildlife	Threatened and endangered species, fish and wildlife, wetlands, priority habitat
Department of Ecology	Hazardous materials, geology and soils
Department of Natural Resources	Threatened and endangered species (plant/animal), geology and soils
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	Archaeological and historic resources
Local/Regional Agencies	
King County and cities of SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, and Federal Way	Land use and economic activity; neighborhoods and population; transportation plans and traffic; archaeological and historic resources; wetlands; water quality; acquisitions, displacements, and relocations; noise and vibration; visual and aesthetic resources; parks and recreational resources; geology and soils; utilities; input on public outreach strategies.
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency	Air quality
Puget Sound Regional Council	Regional travel; land use and economic activity; population and employment growth projections
Puget Sound Energy	Energy
Highline Water District	Utilities
Midway Sewer District	Utilities
Lakehaven Utility District	Utilities
Tribes (listed above in Section B.2.3)	Cultural resources, fisheries

B.3 Outreach Activities and Tools

Agency and public outreach efforts for the FWLE began in October 2012, with varied and broad-reaching methods. Sound Transit actively worked to reach agencies and the public by hosting public meetings and workshops, attending community events, and providing briefings, and by being available to discuss the project with business, neighborhood, and other interested groups.







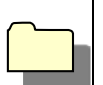


Sound Transit has also targeted outreach efforts to minority and low-income groups by reaching out to service providers and community groups where possible. All of Sound Transit's notices and literature for the FWLE have language blocks stating "Call us at 1-800-823-9230 to learn more about the Federal Way

Link Extension and provide your feedback” translated into seven languages (Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Somali, Simplified Chinese, and Tagalog). These languages were selected based on 2010 U.S. Census data for the project corridor and community input. When Sound Transit staff have been contacted by a member of the public who has limited use of English, Sound Transit staff have had available an immediate phone translation service that provides over-the-phone interpretation in 150 languages, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. In addition, Sound Transit developed a video for SomTV-Seattle, a local Somali television network.

Sound Transit also offered to translate FWLE fact sheets and related information upon request, as well as provided articles for newsletters, websites, or other communication tools used by service providers and community groups. More information on outreach and impacts on minority and low-income persons is available in Chapter 7, Environmental Justice. Table B-2 demonstrates the tools used for each of the environmental review process milestones.

TABLE B-2

Outreach Tools Used or Planned for FWLE

Year	Environmental Review Process Milestone	 Briefings	 Public Meetings	 Public Hearing	 Mailings	 Fact Sheets/ Handouts	 Community Events	 Comment Database	 Web Page	 News Media
2012	Early Scoping, Preliminary Stakeholder Meetings and Community Briefings	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2013	EIS Scoping/ Comment on Project Purpose and Need and Alternatives	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2015	Draft EIS Publication	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2016 (Planned)	Final EIS Publication	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2016 (Planned)	Record of Decision					✓			✓	

To make information about the FWLE as widely available as possible, Sound Transit created (and is continually updating) a variety of communication tools and materials. These include maintaining a comment database and project web site and distributing fact sheets, press releases, and e-mail alerts. These materials and tools provide updated information on the FWLE and let community members know where and how to provide feedback.

B.3.1 Database

Interested individuals can request project updates through mail or e-mail. Sound Transit maintains a database of people who wish to receive regular mailings about the agency's progress and about opportunities for public input. The database also includes attendees at FWLE open houses and public meetings, correspondents, commenters, and others who have requested information on the FWLE, and contains e-mail and/or physical addresses. The database is used in addition to the list of approximately 25,000 addresses within a half mile of FWLE alternatives used when Sound Transit prepares project related mailings.

B.3.2 Briefings

Sound Transit actively seeks to provide briefings to interested neighborhood associations, organizations, and businesses in the vicinity of the FWLE. The purpose of these briefings is to allow the project staff to reach members of the public at their neighborhood, civic, or business meetings to provide project information and answer questions. In some instances, project staff met one-on-one to brief individual stakeholders to provide information and obtain input. A full list of community briefings that have been held since the environmental review process began can be found in Table B-5 at the end of this appendix. In addition, Sound Transit jurisdictional briefings were provided to city council members and staff in SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, and Federal Way.

B.3.3 Public Meetings, Open Houses, and Workshops

Sound Transit holds public open houses, workshops, and public meetings as the project progresses to share information, answer questions, and obtain input. In addition, Sound Transit has participated in open houses, workshops, and public meetings organized by local jurisdictions or other organizations. Typically the format includes time for the public to view project information and to speak with project team members about the project alternatives.

B.3.4 Public Hearings

A public hearing is required during the Draft EIS comment period. Sound Transit will have a 45-day comment period with two public hearings, one in Des Moines and one in Federal Way. Section B.4.2, Draft EIS, provides additional information on the public hearings. Sound Transit's public hearings on the Draft EIS occur no sooner than 15 days after the Draft EIS is released to allow the public time to review the Draft EIS.

B.3.5 Fact Sheets and Brochures

Fact sheets and brochures for the FWLE have been developed to accompany public meetings and workshops, as well as for distribution at community events. The fact sheets and brochures describe the status of the FWLE, the alternatives being studied in the environmental analysis, and the names and contact information for team members to contact for more information or with comments.

B.3.6 Community Events

Project staff attend a variety of community events planned by other organizations in order to reach a broader group of community members who might not otherwise seek out information on the project. Sound Transit's presence at these community events gives people the opportunity to pick up information, sign up on the project mailing/e-mail list, and talk with project staff. Examples of the community events Sound Transit has attended include:

- Des Moines Farmers Market
- Federal Way Farmers Market
- SeaTac Music in the Park Concerts

Sound Transit has also conducted neighborhood drop-in sessions in the study area at the following locations:

- Des Moines Food Bank
- Des Moines Activity Center
- Woodmont Library
- Highline College
- Federal Way Library
- Lowe's (SR 99 and S 240th Street)



Information booth at Federal Way Farmers Market

A complete list of neighborhood drop-in sessions is provided in Section B.5.

B.3.7 Project Webpage

Sound Transit developed a web site, www.soundtransit.org/FWextension, which provides information on the FWLE. Individuals can sign up online for Sound Transit's free e-mail subscription service to receive e-mail updates on the FWLE.

The FWLE web site includes an overview of the project, project maps and images, conceptual graphics of the project alternatives, and links to frequently asked questions. The project web site also contains a document library with links to a variety of project-related documents. Some of the documents posted on the FWLE web site include the following:

- *FWTE Early Scoping Information Report*
- *Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE)¹ Plan Review for HCT in the Project Corridor*
- *FWTE Early Scoping Summary Report*
- *FWTE Alternatives Analysis Summary*
- *FWTE Alternatives Analysis Level 1 and Level 2 screening reports*
- *Potential Alignments and Station Locations Fact Sheet*
- *FWTE Scoping Summary Report*
- *FWTE Alternatives Analysis and EIS Scoping Briefing Booklet*
- *Agency Coordination Plan*

¹ Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE) is the previous name of the FWLE.

B.3.8 News Media

The project team uses local newspapers to inform, educate, and involve the public in the FWLE. Area newspapers in SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, and Federal Way and at Highline College have received news releases. Additionally, Sound Transit advertises public meetings in local publications as well as posting events on community boards and applicable blog sites.

B.3.9 Affected Property Notification

Sound Transit mailed letters in the Fall of 2014 to 1,104 owners of properties that could be affected by one or more of the FWLE alternatives. Letters were sent to the owners of the properties identified in Appendix D4.1 that may need to be partially or fully acquired to construct the project. Sound Transit held one-on-one meetings with the property owners interested in doing so.

B.3.10 Targeted Outreach

As part of the development of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the project, Sound Transit recognized the importance of reaching LEP populations, minority populations, and low-income populations, and providing opportunities for these populations to be involved in the project planning, design, and environmental review process.

Early in project development, Sound Transit conducted a demographic analysis of the project area to identify LEP populations. In addition to the demographic analysis, interviews with stakeholder and social service providers helped Sound Transit identify languages that are prevalent in the project area. Based upon the findings, a project fact sheet is available in Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese in addition to English. Translators in these four languages will also be available at both public hearings. The mailing to inform the public of the DEIS release also includes project and public review information translated in these four languages. All project mailers and handouts also have a notice about translation assistance in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Targeted outreach has also included other means to ensure effective communication with LEP, minority, and low-income populations, such as presenting information at community meetings and gatherings including two presentations to Highline College English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, having interpreters available upon request at public meetings, advertising in ethnic media for early scoping and scoping and the July 2014 open house at the Federal Way Transit Center, relaying information through community leaders and social service agencies in the community, and holding a number of tabling events in the community at a variety of locations including one that included a Spanish Interpreter. These methods have allowed Sound Transit to better reach the different communities in the corridor and to involve people representative of the corridor in the project. Chapter 7, Environmental Justice, provides information on specific targeted outreach that has been done to reach LEP, minority, and low-income populations.

B.4 Outreach During EIS Process

Public input to the FWLE is an essential element of the alternatives development, environmental analysis, documentation, and review process as diagrammed below. As described earlier, Sound Transit has used a variety of methods to reach out to the public, including briefings, open houses, workshops,

and public meetings. The NEPA process encourages lead agencies to make diligent efforts to involve the public in implementing NEPA for projects that would affect the community. This includes providing public notice of public hearings, holding public meetings, and making environmental documents available. Sound Transit's outreach and coordination efforts for the preparation of the EIS are described in the following sections.



B.4.1 Agency Involvement

Sound Transit has received early and continuous information and guidance from many agencies throughout the FWLE environmental process. Sound Transit is holding periodic interagency meetings and coordinating activities to collect input from interested agencies. Initial meetings and activities were designed to obtain suggestions regarding the development of project alternatives and regarding analysis methodologies prior to beginning the analyses. Subsequent coordination occurred as design and analysis of FWLE alternatives progressed.

B.4.2 Early Scoping

Sound Transit initiated the environmental review process by publishing notices of Early Scoping in the *Federal Register* on October 16, 2012, and in the SEPA Register on October 18, 2012. Early scoping initiated the alternatives analysis phase of the FWLE and provided the first opportunity for the public to learn about the project and provide their comments at the early planning stage. During early scoping, Sound Transit asked for comments from the public and agencies on:



Early Scoping Meeting at Highline College

- The range of alternatives to be considered
- The draft purpose and need statement
- The criteria that should be used to evaluate project alternatives

The early scoping notices provided information about the FWLE, dates and times of agency and public early scoping meetings, how to learn more about the project, and how to provide comments. Advertisements for the meetings included a postcard mailed to approximately 24,900 residences and businesses within the 0.5-mile study area, print and online advertising, a media advisory, posters at community gathering places, and notification on the Sound Transit FWLE website. In addition, Sound Transit prepared an Early Scoping Information Report to provide details on the early scoping period, project background, ways to provide comments, and the draft purpose and need for the project. It also discussed next steps in the project timeline and the environmental process. Table B-3 lists the early scoping meeting dates and locations.

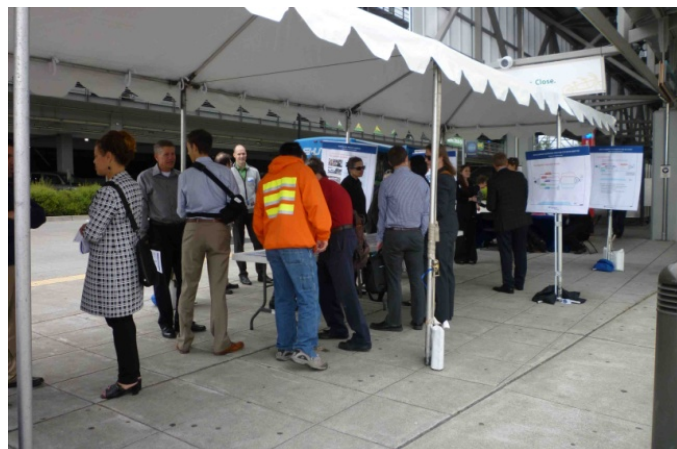
TABLE B-3
FWLE Project Early Scoping Meetings

Date	Location	Type of meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2012	Online webinar	Agencies and tribes early scoping meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2012	Highline College, Des Moines, WA	Public early scoping open house
Tuesday, November 13, 2012	Truman High School, Federal Way, WA	Public early scoping open house

B.4.3 Notice of Intent and Scoping

Sound Transit published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* on June 17, 2013. A determination of significance was issued in the SEPA Register on June 12, 2013. The NOI informed the public that Sound Transit will prepare an EIS for the proposed FWLE and formally announced the beginning of the EIS scoping process and solicited input on the preliminary purpose and need of the project. The NOI described the project and its termini, length, and general location of the alternatives Sound Transit is considering; provided information on the issues and potential impacts; anticipated federal approvals required; and invited comments, questions, and suggestions on the scope of the EIS.

The purpose of scoping is to share information about the public process, purpose and need, environmental resources, and potential alternatives with the public and agencies in the FWLE vicinity. During the scoping phase of the project, Sound Transit sought community input on which routes and stations to study, the environmental resources to be evaluated, and



Scoping Meeting at Federal Way Transit Center

the project's preliminary purpose and need statement. The public and agencies were asked to identify areas of concern, opportunities, and stakeholder interests to be further addressed in the EIS.

During the 30-day scoping comment period, Sound Transit hosted two public scoping meetings in Federal Way and Des Moines, and one scoping meeting for agencies and tribes in Seattle. Written comments were accepted at the meetings. In addition, comments were submitted by mail, e-mail, and through an on-line survey/questionnaire. Table B-4 lists the scoping meeting dates and locations.

TABLE B-4

FWLE Project Scoping Meetings

Date	Location	Type of meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 2013	Federal Way Transit Center, Federal Way, WA	Public scoping open house
Tuesday, June 25, 2013	Sound Transit, Union Station, Ruth Fisher Boardroom, Seattle, WA	Agencies and tribes scoping meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2013	Parkside Elementary School, Des Moines, WA	Public scoping open house

Sound Transit performed the following outreach and communication activities to inform the public and obtain input during the scoping process:

- Prepared and distributed a scoping information report prior to the start of the 30-day scoping period to provide a general understanding of the project to affected agencies. This information described the preliminary purpose and need statement, project planning history, proposed project alternatives, and environmental resources to be evaluated in the EIS, and the project schedule and public involvement process. The report was available at the public open houses, at the agency scoping meeting, and on the Sound Transit web site for public review and input.
- Sent postcards to approximately 25,000 residents and businesses announcing the beginning of the scoping process, the public meetings, and the availability of the Environmental Scoping Information Report.
- Placed paid advertisements in five print publications (*Federal Way Mirror*, *Highline Times*, *Korea Daily*, *La Raza*, and *Ngoui Viet Tay Bac*) and four online publications (Highline Times Blog, SeaTac Blog, Waterland Blog, and Seattle Transit Blog).
- Posted notifications of meetings on the project website and various community calendars.
- Placed legal notices in the Seattle Times.

**Scoping Meeting at Parkside Elementary**

- Met or corresponded with affected local, regional, state, and federal agencies, tribes, and other organizations about issues within their jurisdiction or concern.
- Reviewed comments made at the scoping meetings or received during the scoping period and, as appropriate, refined the proposed alternatives, issues, and public involvement program.
- Summarized the scoping process and comments in the FWTE Scoping Summary Report (August 2013). This report is available to the public on the project website at www.soundtransit.org/FWextension.

Following the public scoping process, in September 2013 the Sound Transit Board identified the alternatives to be evaluated in the Draft EIS and changed the project name from Federal Way Transit Extension (FWTE) to Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE).

B.4.4 Draft EIS

The FWLE Draft EIS describes the project purpose and need, the alternatives analyzed, compares the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives and their implementation, and provides additional information on the methodologies and assumptions used for the analyses.

The Draft EIS has been distributed to federal, state, and local agencies and parties of interest listed in Appendix A3 for comment. A Notice of Availability (NOA) was published in the *Federal Register* and a notice in the SEPA Register. The following approaches were also used to notify the public about the Draft EIS availability and public process:

- Legal notices placed in newspapers
- Public notices placed in local newspapers
- Notice of availability and announcements of public hearings sent to carrier routes of addresses one-half mile from the alternatives and to individuals in the project database
- Project mailer sent to approximately 25,000 residents and businesses in the corridor, announcing the availability of the Draft EIS, how to comment, and the public hearings and providing information about the Draft EIS alternatives
- E-mail notification sent to e-mail addresses in the project database
- Notice posted on the Sound Transit FWLE web site at www.soundtransit.org/FWextension

The Draft EIS documents are available to the public as described on the Fact Sheet and at public meetings. An electronic copy of the Draft EIS has also been posted on the Sound Transit FWLE web site. The public comment period began upon publication of the NOA for the Draft EIS in the *Federal Register*.

Public meetings will be held to present the Draft EIS findings, including alternatives development and associated environmental impacts, for public review and comment. The meetings will consist of an open house to present the Draft EIS findings and where project team members will be on hand to answer questions and talk to the public. The meetings will also include a transcribed formal public

hearing. Comments will be accepted in writing, transcribed by a court reporter, or through e-mail. The dates and locations of these hearings are:

May 6, 2015 - Federal Way

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (public hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Federal Way Community Center

876 S 333rd Street

Federal Way, WA 98003

May 7, 2015 - Des Moines

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (public hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

Highline College Student Union Building

2400 S 240 Street

Des Moines, WA 98198

B.4.5 Final EIS

After Sound Transit reviews and considers the Draft EIS findings as well as the public and agency comments on the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board will identify a Preferred Alternative for evaluation in the Final EIS. The Preferred Alternative will undergo preliminary engineering to approximately 30 percent design to further avoid and minimize impacts discovered as part of the environmental evaluations in the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will analyze the effects of the Preferred Alternative and all of the other alternatives and respond to comments on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will be issued by FTA and Sound Transit. A Notice of Availability will be posted in the *Federal Register* and the SEPA Register, and notices in local newspapers and on the Sound Transit web site. Notification of the Final EIS will be sent to the project's distribution list of interested parties and agencies, Sound Transit's mailing lists, and addresses in the project vicinity.

The Executive Summary and a CD of the Final EIS will be distributed to the project's distribution list, including to those who commented on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS documents will also be available to the public, and an electronic copy will be made available on the Sound Transit web site. Following completion of the Final EIS, the Sound Transit Board will review the Final EIS, including the comments and responses, and will select the project to be built. FTA will subsequently issue a Record of Decision that will document how Sound Transit will build the project as well as avoid, minimize, and mitigate environmental impacts. If a build alternative is chosen by the Sound Transit Board, Sound Transit will continue to coordinate throughout final design and construction with affected agencies and local communities.

B.5 Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings

While preparing and issuing the Draft EIS, Sound Transit has hosted and/or participated in numerous public meetings, workshops, and stakeholder meetings. Table B-5 lists the public and stakeholder outreach meetings held to date for the FWLE.

TABLE B-5

Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings Held to Date

Event/Meeting	Date
Interagency Work Groups	
Cities of SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent, Federal Way, King County Metro, Highline College, WSDOT	9/10/2012, 10/8/2012, 11/13/2012, 12/10/2012, 1/21/2013, 2/18/2013, 3/18/2013, 4/15/2013, 5/20/2013, 7/15/2013, 8/9/2013, 9/16/2013, 10/21/2013, 1/27/2013, 2/24/2014, 4/28/2014, 6/2/2014, 7/28/2014, 8/25/2014, 9/22/2014, 10/27/2014, 11/17/2014, 12/15/2014, 1/26/2015, 2/23/2015
Pre-application Meetings	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	5/8/2013
Stakeholder Interviews	
City of Des Moines	8/14/2012
King County Department of Transportation	8/14/2012
Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce	8/17/2012
Highline College	8/23/2012
Federal Way Community and Economic Development	8/27/2012
Kent Chamber of Commerce	8/27/2012
City of SeaTac	8/29/2012
Coordination Meetings	
Federal Transit Administration	7/10/2012, 7/17/2012, 8/22/2012, 9/11/2012, 10/9/2012, 11/20/2012, 12/11/2012, 1/8/2013, 2/12/2013, 3/12/2013, 4/9/2013, 5/14/2013, 5/21/2013, 6/11/2013, 8/3/2013, 9/10/2013, 8/13/2013, 9/10/2013, 11/12/2013, 12/10/2013, 12/16/2013, 1/14/2014, 2/7/2014, 2/11/2014, 2/21/2014, 3/12/2014, 4/22/2014, 6/18/2014, 7/16/2014, 8/11/2014, 9/19/2014, 9/23/2014, 10/14/2014, 11/18/2014, 12/3/2014, 12/17/2014, 1/12/2015, 2/17/2015
Washington State Department of Transportation	7/9/2012, 7/17/2012, 8/16/2012, 10/26/2012, 12/5/2012, 1/9/2013, 2/6/2013, 2/27/2013, 4/3/2013, 4/10/2013, 5/1/2013, 5/16/2013, 5/21/2013, 6/5/2013, 7/2/2013, 7/10/2013, 8/6/2013, 8/9/2013, 9/4/2013, 9/17/2013, 10/1/2013, 10/2/2013, 10/8/2013, 10/15/2013, 10/18/2013, 11/1/2013, 11/6/2013, 11/15/2013, 12/4/2013, 12/11/2013, 12/19/2013, 1/8/2014, 2/5/2014, 2/7/2014, 2/18/2014, 2/21/2014, 3/12/2014, 3/19/2014, 4/23/2014, 6/5/2014, 6/19/2014, 7/9/2014, 8/6/2014, 9/3/2014, 9/17/2014, 9/19/2014, 1/15/2015, 2/4/2015, 3/4/2015
Federal Highway Administration	7/17/2012, 5/21/2013, 8/6/2013, 11/1/2013, 11/15/2013, 12/19/2013, 2/7/2014, 2/21/2014, 3/12/2014, 9/19/2014
Highline College	8/6/2012, 12/20/2012, 4/2/2013, 7/10/2013, 8/29/2013, 10/31/2013, 12/18/2013, 1/15/2014, 2/19/2014, 3/26/2014, 1/15/2015
City of SeaTac	8/14/2012, 12/18/2012, 4/9/2013, 6/3/2013, 10/4/2013, 10/29/2013, 11/12/2013, 11/26/2013, 3/26/2014
City of Des Moines	8/15/2012, 12/19/2012, 2/7/2013, 3/21/2013, 4/2/2013, 6/6/2013, 10/10/2013, 10/29/2013, 11/14/2013, 12/5/2013, 3/27/2014, 5/13/2014, 1/22/2015
City of Kent	8/21/2012, 12/17/2012, 4/4/2013, 4/30/2013, 5/13/2013, 6/7/2013, 10/10/2013, 10/29/2013, 11/12/2013, 11/26/2013, 3/27/2014, 9/18/2014, 10/13/2014, 2/11/2015
City of Federal Way	8/22/2012, 12/18/2012, 2/7/2013, 4/4/2013, 5/29/2013, 10/11/2013, 10/28/2013, 10/29/2013, 11/12/2013, 11/26/2013, 3/27/2014
King County Metro	9/6/2012, 10/3/2012, 12/12/2012, 3/21/2013, 4/12/2013, 6/11/2013, 9/13/2013, 10/7/2013, 10/30/2013, 11/13/2013, 12/2/2013, 3/25/2014, 6/18/2014, 7/23/2014, 1/8/2015

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Event/Meeting	Date
Highline Water District	10/17/2012, 9/24/2013, 10/28/2013
Puget Sound Energy	10/22/2012, 9/26/2013, 10/31/2013, 3/14/2014, 4/24/2014, 5/29/2014
Seattle Public Utilities	10/25/2012, 4/25/2013, 5/13/2013, 10/8/2013
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	6/11/14
Puget Sound Regional Council	12/21/2012, 6/10/2013, 2/13/2014
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	5/8/2013, 5/13/2013, 6/11/2014, 9/10/2014
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	6/11/2014
Washington Department of Ecology	5/13/2013, 6/11/2014
Federal Way Public Schools	5/2/2014
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	9/23/2014
Study Sessions	
Des Moines City Council	10/18/2012
SeaTac City Council	10/23/2012
Briefings	
King County Mobility Coalition	1/8/2014
Federal Way Chamber of Commerce	1/22/2012, 6/18/2013, 5/13/2014
South County Area Transportation Board	9/28/2012, 4/16/2013
Kent Economic and Community Development Committee	10/8/2012, 3/11/2013, 4/14/2014, 10/13/2014
Kent Public Works Committee	10/22/2012, 12/12/2012, 3/18/2013
Federal Way City Council	11/20/2012, 3/19/2013, 6/18/2013, 4/28/2014, 7/15/2014
SeaTac City Council	12/11/2012, 3/26/2013, 6/25/2013
Des Moines City Council	3/28/2013, 6/27/2013, 7/24/2014
Kent City Council	7/2/2013
Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines	9/15/2013
South King County Good Eggs breakfast	9/18/2013
Community Network Council Community Transportation Forum	9/28/2013
West Hill Neighborhood Council, Kent	6/19/2013, 12/18/2013
Saltair Neighborhood Council, Kent	6/20/2013, 2/20/2014
Federal Way Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon	12/4/2013
Community Neighborhood Council Community Leaders Training	12/7/2013
King County Mobility Coalition	2/18/2014
South King County Human Services Coalition monthly meeting	3/25/2014
South King County Human Services Coalition meet and greet	3/26/2014

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Event/Meeting	Date
FWLE Citizen's Oversight Panel	4/17/2014
FWLE Mayors Meeting	7/14/2014, 10/23/2014, 1/30/2015
28th Avenue S Neighborhood	6/1/2014, 12/10/2014
Information Tables	
Woodmont Library	3/4/2013, 3/11/2014
Des Moines Library	3/6/2013
Kent Commons Community Center	3/7/2013
Kent Library	3/12/2013
Highline College	3/14/2013, 6/5/2013, 3/13/2014
Des Moines Activity Center	3/18/2013, 6/18/2013
Kent Senior Activity Center	3/19/2013
SeaTac Community Center	3/21/2013
Valley View Library	3/25/2013
Federal Way Library	3/27/2013, 5/7/2014
Des Moines Food Bank	4/3/2013, 3/7/2014
Federal Way Transit Center	4/8/2013
Tukwila Light Rail Station	4/10/2013
Federal Way Community Center	4/30/2013
Tukwila International Blvd. Station	5/1/2013
Starbucks at the Commons, Federal Way	5/8/2013
Federal Way Farmer's Market	5/11/2013, 7/26/2014
Puget Sound Equity Summit	10/8/2013
Des Moines Farmer's Market	6/15/2013, 7/19/2014, 9/13/2014, 10/18/2014
Federal Way Library (848 S 320th location)	3/27/2013, 3/20/2014
City of Des Moines Pacific Highway South Subarea Planning Open House	3/26/2014
The Market at La Plaza (Spanish language interpreter provided)	4/8/2014
Lowe's (SR 99 and S 240th Street)	4/10/2014, 4/17/2014
Federal Way Library (34200 1st Way S location)	5/7/2014
S 200th Extension Open House	5/22/2014
Project Public Meetings/Open Houses	
Early Scoping Meeting	11/8/2012, 11/13/2012
Scoping Meeting	6/19/2013, 6/26/2013
FWLE Phase 2 Open House	7/31/2014

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